

**REMARKS**

Entry of the amendments before examination of the application is respectfully requested. The claims have been amended to place them in better form for U.S. practice. No new matter has been added.

If there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 029267).

Respectfully submitted,



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